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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed January 14, 2003 ("Office Action"). The Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the instant Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and this amendment constitutes a response as required under the regulations. The appropriate request and fee for continued examination are enclosed herewith.

The Applicants also respectfully request an extension of time of 3 months to respond to the Office Action. The petition for the extension of time and fee therefor are also enclosed herewith. As extended, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is July 14, 2003.